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DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF CENTRAL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether many Central Government projects, each costing more than Rs.20 crore or more are running behind schedule;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total loss incurred to the exchequer as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K.VASAN)

(a) As on 30th June 2007, 267 projects out of 890, costing Rs.20 crore and above, on the monitor of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, are running behind schedule with respect to the latest approved schedule.

(b) Sector-wise number of projects delayed with respect to the latest schedule may be seen in the statement in Annexure-I. The reasons for delay in completion of these projects include:
(i) fund constraints;
(ii) delay in land acquisition and related rehabilitation of the people concerned;
(iii) delay in award of contracts;
(iv) delay in equipment supply;
(v) slow progress by contractors;
(vi) delay in environment and others clearances;
(vii) law and order and
(viii) geological surprises.

(c) The estimated cost overrun as a result of delay and other factors is estimated at Rs.21,531.41 crore Sector-wise break-up of increase in cost may be seen in the statement in Annexure-I.